GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA

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Launching of Satellites
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched 20 Satellites into space in one shot recently and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the satellites launched include satellites of foreign countries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of foreign exchange earned therefrom;
(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make ISRO more professional;
(e) whether ISRO is also planning to set up space station; and
(f) if so, the details thereof and probable year of its launch?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):
(a) Yes Madam. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched 20 satellites in a single launch mission onboard Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle 'PSLV-C34' on June 22, 2016 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. These satellites are (i) Indian CARTOSAT-2 series of satellite (weighing 727 kg); (ii) 2 University/academic institute's satellites (weighing 2.5 kg) namely SWAYAM (College of Engineering, Pune) & SATHYABAMASAT (Sathyabama University, Chennai) and (iii) 17 satellites (total weighing 555 kg) of foreign customers.
(b) Yes Madam. Seventeen satellites of foreign customers from 4 countries were launched. These satellites are LAPAN-A3 (Indonesia); BIROS (Germany); M3MSat & GHGSat-D (Canada); and SkySat-Gen2-1 & twelve Dove satellites (USA).

(c) Through launch of these 17 foreign satellites, Antrix Corporation Ltd. has earned revenue of 10.24 Million Euros and 4.54 Million USD.
(d) ISRO executes its missions in a professional manner by proper planning of the missions and conducting thorough reviews to ensure timely realisation.
(e) As of now, there are no approved programmes leading to space station activities.
(f) Does not arise.

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